

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract at page 20 as follows:

ABSTRACT

~~While easiness in insertion of a filter cartridge into an inner shell is improved, reliably prevented is exhaust gas from bypassing a particulate filter and a filter cartridge from backlashing. Disclosed is An arrangement is provided for an exhaust emission control device [[with]] having a filter cartridge [[11]] fitted through insertion into an inner shell [[8]] of a muffler. The inner shell [[8]] is formed to have an inner diameter greater than an outer diameter of a cartridge shell [[10]] to provide an insertion clearance [[C]]. The inner shell [[8]] is formed with an inward, tapered portion [[8b]] gradually reduced in diameter toward a direction of insertion of the filter cartridge [[11]], so that with a portion of the inner shell inward of the tapered portion [[is]] formed as a small-diameter portion 8e with the having a reduced insertion clearance [[C]]. Sealing and cushioning materials 20 and 21 are fitted over the outer peripheral surface on an inward end of the cartridge shell [[10]] and are adapted to be held in a clamped manner between the filter cartridge [[11]] and the small-diameter portion [[8c]] of the inner shell upon fitting of the filter cartridge.~~